Re: Reference re: Pension Related Item (for discussion at 10:30 Wed)

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Thanks Nadine!

Tim

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Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:07 PM
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Tim,
Please see LSB's advice below regarding the proposed adjustment to the 2015/16 results for Q3. This is good news. Legal will also be engaged to review draft wording related to the adjustment as it is drafted.
Please let us know if you have any questions.
Nadine

From: Kaufman, Paul (TBS)
Sent: January 25, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Petsche, Nadine (TBS)
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Hi Nadine,

Per our discussion, the regulation that was made last year set out rules that are specific to the preparation of the "consolidated financial statements of the Province set out in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016". This means that legally we are only bound to follow the rule set out in the regulation in connection with the financial statements in the 15/16 public accounts.

We don't see a legal problem with stating comparative 15/16 results in the 16/17 Public Accounts that are based a methodology other than what is set out in the regulation, although it would be a good idea to include a note indicating how and why the methodology has changed and noting that the results in the 15/16 financial statements were prepared in accordance with the rule set out in the regulation.

If the document that you release in Q3 just includes comparative 15/16 information for the purposes of informing the reader's review of the province's 16/17 performance, and does not purport to be a formal restatement of the 15/16 financial statements, that also should not be problematic. Again, it would be prudent to explain in whatever is released that we aren't restating the 15/16 financial statements but are instead providing revised information on our 15/16 performance using the same methodology that we expect to use for the 16/17 financial statements in the interest of providing better information to the reader (or whatever rationale you have for not using the numbers from the 15/16 financial statements).

We're happy to help out further on this.

Paul

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